

EODMU 5 performs school cleanup in Barrigada

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The students and staff at Carbullido Elementary School in Barrigada now have a prettier school to return to from their summer vacation thanks in part to Explosive Ord-

nance Disposal Mobile Unit 5. Personnel from the Navy command spent most of the morning and afternoon of Aug. 13 painting and cleaning the public school facility.

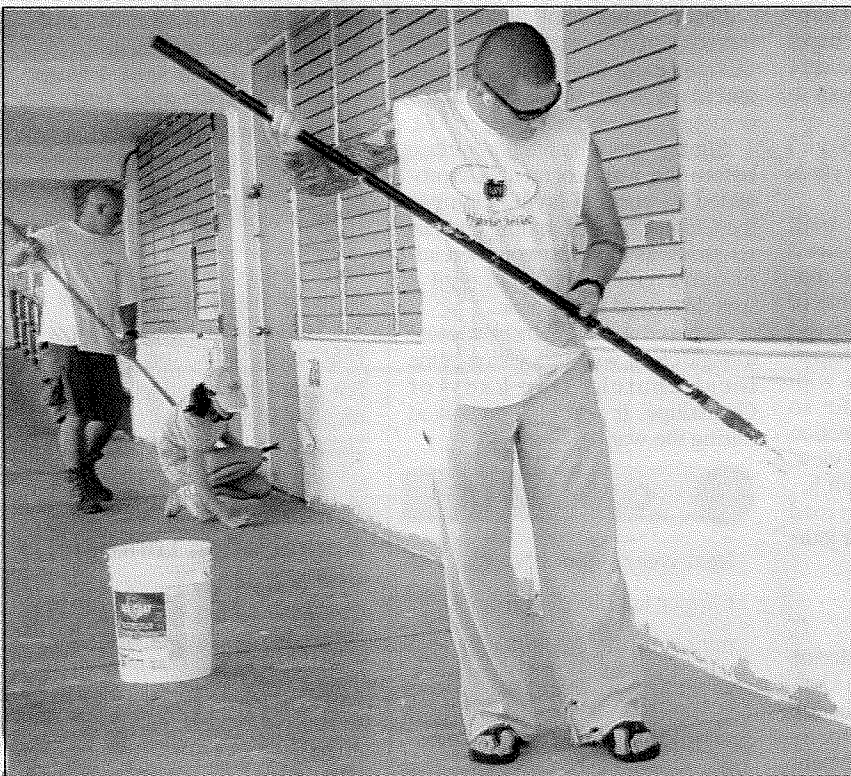
According to Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin Birch, the command's community service coordinator, the

project was intended to help their sister school with its Aug. 16 opening. Carbullido Elementary has more than 540 students registered to return this fall.

"It's a great experience for all

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Project: Command tutors students during weekends



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Petty Officer 2nd Class Bryce Stenholm, background, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin Birch, foreground, both with Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5, apply fresh coats of paint to Carbullido Elementary School in Barrigada Aug. 13. The Sailors were part of a larger volunteer workforce that helped the command's sister school prepare for its Aug. 16 re-opening. Stenholm's daughter, Jennifer, is also pictured.

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Mobile Unit 5 members to get out here and it's a good chance for us to keep in touch with our sister school and the people of Guam," he said. "We love being out here, especially for the children."

In addition to school beautification projects, the command has been active in the past with other community service efforts, such as tutoring students through the Saturday Scholars program. This was the second weekend in a row EOD was at the school with other volunteers, includ-

ing members of Guam Environmental Protection Agency and the school's Parent Teacher Organization.

Carbullido principal Bernie Tenorio appreciated the Navy's involvement and thanked them for also bringing some family members to help out. Tenorio said working with the military also allows the Sailors to build friendships with people in the local community.

"For me, I'm going to be inviting all the EOD people to come to the fiesta in Talofoto," she said.

According to Petty Officer 1st Class Sean Oleary, who also helped at the school, EOD will continue to look at other possible avenues for volunteer work, not only through the sister school and village programs but wherever it is needed.

"I want the kids to have a good place to go to school," he said. "So, we just volunteer our free time to help out anyway we can."

With a paint roller in one hand, Oleary added he enjoyed being able to participate in the project.

"It's a good time," he said. "I'm having fun."